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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
2702 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas,

In FY 2023, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) encountered 169 KSTs between ports of entry, setting a new KST arrest record and surpassing the KST encounter totals of the past six fiscal years combined.<sup>1</sup> In fact, the Southwest border is so prone to infiltration by individuals with ties to extremist groups, CBP recently issued a memo warning of Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and Hezbollah members potentially crossing the border.<sup>2</sup>

These numbers are especially alarming considering the barbaric terrorist attack against our ally Israel and calls to action by Islamic terror groups. Therefore, I request an immediate briefing on the number of KSTs that have been encountered at the southern border since January 2021, including their countries of origin, their terrorist group affiliations, any documented criminal or terrorist activity they may have engaged in, their whereabouts since CBP officials encountered them, and the estimated number of KSTs who were able to evade capture from CBP.

Thank you for your attention to this inquiry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chip Roy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chip Roy  
Member of Congress

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/cbp-enforcement-statistics>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://dailycaller.com/2023/10/22/hamas-hezbollah-southern-border/>.